



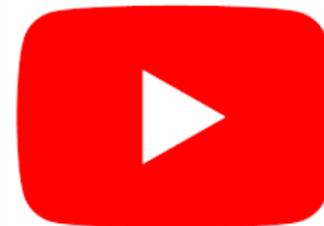
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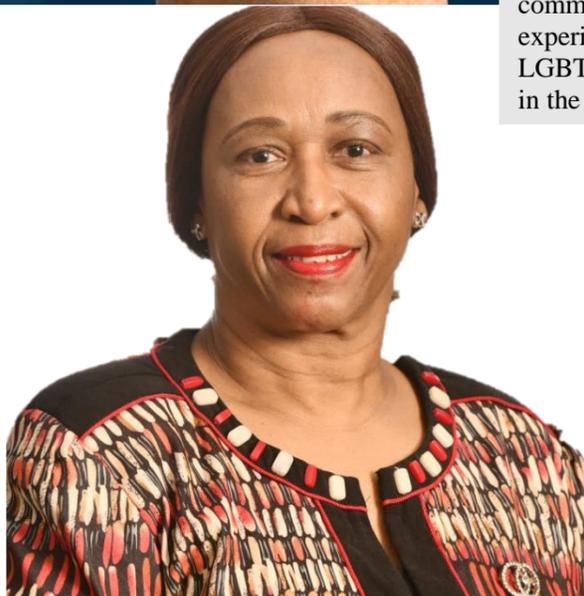
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CGE seeks contributions to identify key areas of intervention for the achievement of LGBTI equality in South Africa.

The CGE on Tuesday launched a campaign to call for public comments and contributions on LGBTI+ Equality in South Africa. Commissioner Busisiwe Deyi kick-started a media campaign to explain the objectives of the initiative and seek support from stakeholders and activists in the sector. A questionnaire that members of the public can fill in to submit their comments has been published on the CGE website.

The comments will be used to identify key areas of intervention for the CGE to ensure the achievement of LGBTIQ+ equality in South Africa. The project is done in line with CGE's powers to monitor, investigate, research, educate, lobby, advise, and report on issues concerning gender equality. "Whilst the Constitutional Court has recognised and declared unconstitutional various exclusionary provisions, this has had little effect on improving the life chances of the LGBTIQ+ community as a whole," the commission said. In recent years South Africa has been experiencing hate crimes and killings of members of the LGBTIQ+ community, in addition to the prevailing discrimination in the sector.



CGE Chairperson Ms. Tamara Mathebula will speak at the forthcoming webinar to celebrate International Day of the Girl Child, jointly organised by the UNFPA/UNICEF and supported by the government of Canada and the British Council. The webinar, which is scheduled to take place on 11 October 2021, will reflect on multiple challenges and vulnerabilities girls face in the time of COVID-19 and the state of their health and education. The Chairperson's address will focus on the importance of investing in sexual and reproductive health for disadvantaged women and girls.

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The KZN provincial office, in partnership with the KZN Deaf Association, held an internal introductory sign language session to introduce participants to sign language. Deaf associations have previously raised concerns that deaf people are unable to be assisted with public services as government officials cannot understand sign language. Chairperson, Tamara Mathebula said, "CGE is excited about the partnership with the Deaf Association and we will commit to have presence of sign language interpreters in CGE webinars." KZN Provincial Manager, Ms Zanele Ncwane, said the two hour session was for the purpose of teaching people the DO's and DON'T's of communicating in sign language.

CGE Receives Unqualified Audit Report for 2020/2021 Year

The CGE has received an unqualified audit report from the Auditor General, for the 2020-2021 financial year. An unqualified report means that the organisation's financial statements have been found to contain no material misstatements. Misstatements refer to incorrect or omitted information in the financial statements. Examples include the incorrect or incomplete classification of transactions, or incorrect values placed on assets, liabilities or financial obligations and commitments. The CGE has concluded the process of compiling its Annual Report, copies of which will be available as from next week.

CGE Resolves Child Custody Dispute in Limpopo

The CGE received a maintenance complaint from a Limpopo family about a father who allegedly refuses to pay child maintenance. Upon investigation, the CGE office in Limpopo found that the father is currently in between jobs and is unable to meet monthly financial contracts. "The CGE was able to conduct a mediation between the parties and it was agreed that the father will have primary custody of the child to alleviate the financial burden experienced by the complainant," said Dennis Matotoka.

The mother indicated that this move will benefit her as she will be able to further her studies at a TVET college. The father agreed to enrol the child at the nearest school with the consent of the mother. "In the end a conflict that lasted for several years to the detriment of the child, was resolved amicably by the Commission" Matotoka said.

